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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are pleased to bring you this summer newsletter, and hope that it conveys just how busy our affiliated task forces are currently:

In May, A.C.P.C.H. received notification of a \$20,000 mini grant award from the Pennsylvania Department of Health to enable us to identify undiagnosed and uncontrolled persons with diabetes in Adams County. A new Diabetes Task Force has been established, chaired by Wes Frisbie, to implement this program immediately. Also, the Safe Kids Coalition of Adams County chaired by Carmen Medina, has already been approved for four grant awards as follows:

The first grant is a \$500 start-up grant and will be used to purchase supplies for a display board for educational materials and pictures of activities promoted by the coalition. Also, a game for children will be purchased to be used at community events that the coalition will attend in the future. A second grant for \$1,500.00 will purchase vests and/or harnesses to help Head Start meet state safety requirements in their buses. Another grant will provide helmets for a Scooter Safety Day which will be held in the fall. A Risk Watch Grant, a comprehensive injury prevention program designed for use in the schools, will be used to buy educational materials which were developed by the National Fire Protection Association.

We are happy to report that Mary Kuhn, who has served as an intern/administrative assistant at A.C.P.C.H. for eighteen months, has graduated from Mount Saint Mary's College. But we are also sad that she has concluded a period of very valuable service to the partnership. We also welcome Beth Smith from Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, who will serve as a summer intern, working on research and summary of our recently concluded Community Health Needs Assessment update.

A related report to the C.H.N.A. will be a summary of the Spanish version of the questionnaire. As of this writing, over 350 of 500 distributed surveys have been completed under the guidance of Aida del Pielago, on behalf of the Latino Services Task Force.

In June, The Adams Coalition to Prevent Teen Pregnancy conducted a retreat, in which nine people attended. The retreat was held at Camp Happy Valley, the Girl Scout Camp in Fairfield. They met to review and revise the mission and goals of the coalition.

The Domestic Violence Task Force, also held a retreat on June 8th, at Camp Eder. Twenty people attended the day session. Their purpose was to revisit the current goals of the task force and involve new members in the planning of new goals and objectives for the future.

Recent Partnership participation in community events in Adams County included Health and Safety Day on May 6th, with staffed display tables featuring activities for children by A.C.P.C.H., the Tobacco Prevention Task Force, Families First Task Force (which featured a life-sized Candy Land game), and Adams Coalition to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. A.C.P.C.H. also participated in the annual Spring Fling, sponsored by the Adams County Office for Aging, held at Gettysburg College on May 22nd.

A Key Leader Training workshop was conducted for local representatives of the Communities That Care project for Adams County at State College on July 12. Attendees were Paula Olinger, Ph.D., Gettysburg College; Vickie Corbett, Adams County Volunteer Center at United Way of Adams County (and chair of the Youth Resources Network); Sharron Michels, P.E.A.C.E.; Mirna Oliva, Generacion Diez and William Taft, A.C.P.C.H.

The Homelessness Task Force of Adams County, under its new chair, Helena Racioppa, has been restructured with three committees: Crisis Booklet Committee, Homeless Awareness Week Committee and Housing/Landlord Committee. Dennis Murphy, Assistant Dean, at Gettysburg College, met with this task force to discuss campus housing policy and planning, and housing issues in Gettysburg.

The Children's Health Task Force has completed its immunization project and the pilot dental sealant project. And, the Aging Services Task Force is developing plans for two workshops: Elder Abuse and Long Term Care Decision-Making.

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